GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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DEATH OF CHILD LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any complaint regarding death of some child labourers in an explosion in Pasta village near Nasik;

(b) if so, whether permission for recruitment of child labourers was given by the Labour Department of the Union Government;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether child labourers are working in other factories across the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(g) whether the Government proposes to take any action against those officials responsible for inaction in such cases; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) : No, Sir. No such complaint has been received in the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

(b)to(d) : Do not arise.

(e)&(f) : The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children below the age of 14 years in 15 hazardous occupations and 57 processes. As per the Census 2001, the number of working children in the country is 1.26 crore. State-wise details are at Annexure.

(g) & (h) : As the enforcement of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 lies with the Central and the State Governments/Union Territories in the establishments falling in their sphere respectively, hence, the action if any, is taken by the respective Governments.